

is necessary for the proper performance of the function of RHS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RHS's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Renita Bolden, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Stop 0743, 1400 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, DC 20250-0753. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 6, 1997.

**Jan E. Shadburn,**

*Administrator, Rural Housing Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* National Institute of Standards and Technology.

*Title:* National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP), NVLAP Information Collection System.

*Agency Form Number:* None.

*OMB Approval Number:* 0693-0003.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Burden:* 2,750 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 1,000.

*Avg. Hours Per Response:* 3 hours annually (reporting and recordkeeping).

*Needs and Uses:* NVLAP provides accreditation to testing and calibration laboratories world wide. Accreditation means that a laboratory has been judged to be technically competent to perform calibration and other testing services. To be considered for NVLAP accreditation, a laboratory must make application. The information provided, as well as the on

site review, is used to evaluate the competency of the laboratory. If the criteria are met, then NVLAP accreditation is granted.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit organizations, not-for profit institutions, federal government, state, tribal, local governments.

*Frequency:* Annually, on occasion, recordkeeping.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits

*OMB Desk Officer:* Virginia Huth, (202) 395-6929.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to Virginia Huth, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: November 12, 1997.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

*Agency:* Bureau of Economic Analysis.

*Title:* Survey of Ocean Freight Revenues and Expenses of United States, Carriers—BE-30, Survey of U.S. Airline Operators' Foreign Revenues and Expenses—BE-37.

*Form Number(s):* BE-30/BE-37.

*OMB Approval Number:* 0608-0011

*Type of Request:* Extension—regular submission.

*Burden:* 800/320.

*Number of Respondents:* 40/20.

*Avg Hours Per Response:* 5 hours/4 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* The Bureau of Economic Analysis is responsible for the computation and publication of the U.S. balance of payments accounts. The information collected in these surveys are an integral part of the "transportation" portion of the U.S.

balance of payments accounts. The balance of payments accounts, which are published quarterly in the Bureau's monthly publication, the *Survey of Current Business*, are one of the major statistical products of BEA. The accounts provide a statistical summary of U.S. international transactions. They are used by government and private organizations for national and international policy formulation, and analytical studies. Without the information collected in these surveys, an integral component of the transportation account would be omitted. No other Government agency collects comprehensive quarterly data on U.S. ocean carriers' freight revenues and expenses or U.S. airline operators' foreign revenues and expenses.

*Affected Public:* U.S. ocean and air carriers.

*Frequency:* One-time.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 U.S.C., Section 182.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Paul Bugg, (202) 395-3093.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Paul Bugg, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: November 13, 1997.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

*Agency:* Bureau of the Census.

*Title:* Survey of Income and Program Participation 1996 Panel Wave 7.

*Form Number(s):* SIPP/CAP

Automated Instrument; SIPP 16705(L) Director's Letter.

*Agency Approval Number:* 0607-0813.